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SUBJECT: LAUDATORY COMMENTS BY CHANCELLOR ON HIS RECENT  
OFFICIAL VISIT TO U.S.

1. CHANCELLOR KREISKY AND HIS PARTY, IN THEIR INITIAL  
COMMENTS ON RECENT OFFICIAL VISIT TO US, HAVE DESCRIBED TO  
US IN GLOWING TERMS THEIR "VERY GREAT SATISFACTION" OVER  
PROGRAM OF VISIT AND WARM RECEPTION EXTENDED TO THEM IN  
WASHINGTON BY PRESIDENT AND USG OFFICIALS.

2. IN HIS WEEKLY RADIO PROGRAM "THE CHANCELLOR SPEAKS"  
KREISKY TERMED HIS US TRIP SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT FROM USUAL  
OFFICIAL VISIT OF FOREIGN LEADER TO US BUT NEVERTHELESS  
A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL ONE FROM AUSTRIAN NATIONAL INTERESTS  
POINT OF VIEW. KREISKY'S CHARACTERIZATION WAS PROMPTED BY  
COMMENT FROM UNSYMPATHETIC JOURNALIST WHO SUGGESTED  
CHANCELLOR'S VISIT WAS LESS THAT SUCCESSFUL SINCE HE HAD  
RETURNED TO VIENNA WITHOUT ANY APPARENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS OR  
AGREEMENTS WITH US.

3. IN COUNTERING JOURNALIST'S SOMEWHAT NEGATIVE EVALUATION  
OF VISIT, KREISKY SAID HE HAD BEEN IN PLEASANT SITUATION  
OF WESTERN EUROPEAN LEADER WHO HAD COME TO US NOT TO  
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REQUEST ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, LOANS, OR MAINTENANCE

OF US TROOPS IN EUROPE BUT TO MEET WITH CLOSE FRIENDS  
ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. SIMILARLY, EXCELLENT  
STATE OF AUSTRIAN-US RELATIONS AND ABSENCE OF ANY  
SERIOUS BILATERAL ISSUES OBIATED USUAL POST-VISIT  
LISTING OF SPECIFIC AGREEMENTS ACHIEVED. NEVERTHELESS,  
VISIT WAS HIGHLY USEFUL FROM AUSTRIAN POINT OF VIEW,  
CHANCELLOR CONTINUED, IN PROVIDING OPPORTUNITY FOR  
BROAD EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON MAJOR INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL  
AND ECONOMIC MATTERS. IN ADDITION, VISIT WAS PARTICULARLY  
SUCCESSFUL FOR AUSTRIA, ACCORDING TO CHANCELLOR, IN  
THAT IT RESULTED IN "US UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT" ON  
THREE SUBJECTS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO AUSTRIA: AUSTRIAN  
NEUTRALITY AND IEP, A VIENNA AS THIRD UN CITY AND AUSTRIAN  
HANDLING OF TRANSITING SOVIET JEWISH EMIGRES.

4. AUSTRIAN OFFICIALS HAVE INFORMED US PRIVATELY THAT  
VISIT SERVED HIGHLY USEFUL PURPOSE OF PROVIDING SOME  
BALANCE TO MORE FREQUENT AUSTRIAN OFFICIAL VISITS TO  
USSR AND TIMELY OPPORTUNITY FOR AUSTRIAN SENIOR OFFICIALS  
TO OBTAIN FIRST-HAND READING OF USG THINKING ON NUMBER OF  
CRUCIAL INTERNATIONAL ISSUES. US UNDERSTANDING AND  
SUPPORT FOR VIENNA AS THIRD UN CITY WAS PROBABLY, FROM  
AUSTRIAN DOMESTIC POLITICAL STANDPOINT, MOST SIGNIFICANT  
SHORT-GAIN OF VISIT FOR KREISKY GOVERNMENT.  
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